GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:105
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2005
AMENDMENTS IN PREVENTION OF FOOD ADULTERATION RULES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to bring amendments in the Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules, 1955;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 has failed to check manufacture and sale of adulterated food items; and

(d) if so, the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 105 FOR 30TH NOVEMBER , 2005.

A statement indicating the amendments carried out recently as well as those under process is annexed.

The PFA Act is implemented by the State Governments as per the information made available by various State/UT Governments, adulteration in food products is regularly checked at all the levels including at the level of manufacturers and retailers. The percentage of adulteration during last five years has been in the range of 9.21 to 11.79. The State/UT Governments have been requested from time to time to keep a strict vigil on the quality of food products and to check adulteration of food products at all the levels.

ANNEXURE

LIST OF NOTIFICATION PUBLISHED UNDER PFA ACT, 1954

(A) Final Notification:-

Sl No	Notification 2004	Subject
1	GSR 388 (E) dated 25.06.2004	Harmonization of general provision for food additives with Codex standards, revision of the standards of Biscuits, Bread, amendment to the standards of sugar boiled confectionary, chewing gums, bubbles gum and chocolates.
2	GSR 451 (E) dated 15.07.2004	Revision of definition of carbonated water specifying that the water for use in manufacture of carbonated water shall conform to the standards for packaged drinking water under PFA Rules, 1955.
3	GSR 517 (E) Dated 10.08.2004	Prescribing tolerance limit for pesticide residues for 50 more pesticides in various food commodity.
4	GSR 812 (E) Dated 16.12.2004	Use of food additives in edible fat, table margarine, bakery industrial margarine, edible oils and fat spread.
5	GSR 821 (E) Dated 21.12.2004	Harmonization of standard of fish and fish product with Codex Standard and laying down microbiological parameters for sea foods.

1 dated 21.03.2005	GSR 184(E)	Amendment to the standards of sugars, confectionary, chewing gum, bubble gum and chocolates.
2 dated 21.03.2005	GSR 185 (E)	Laying down standards of fruits and vegetable products to harmonies with Codex Standards.
3 Dated 27.05.2005	GSR 339 (E)	Amendment to the standards of baby food to align with Infant Milk Substitute Act, 1992.
4 Dated 07.06.2005	GSR 356 (E)	Amendment to the standards of milk and milk products to harmonize with Codex Standards including prescribing microbiological parameter.
5 Dated 20.10.2005	GSR 646 (E)	Prescribing qualification of supervisor/manager/owner of eating establishment, having more than 20 working staff.
6 Dated 09.11.2005	GSR 659 (E)	Procedure for sampling from bulk container/ packaged food item.
7 Dated 10.11.2005	GSR 655 (E)	Increase in sample quantity for packaged drinking water and mineral water from 3000 ml to 4000 ml for complete analysis including heavy metals , pesticide residues etc.
8 (E) Dated 17.11.2005 (iv)	GSR(awaited)	In view of Supreme Court Judgment to struck down the power of the Food (Health) Authority for banning sale of common salt in their States under Section7 of the PFA Act, 1954 , it is proposed to amend PFA Rules to put Restriction on sale of edible common salt and compulsory iodination of common salt for direct human consumption.
9 (E) Dated 23.11.2005	GSR(awaited)	Use of certain Food Additives as per Codex and International Numbering of each Food Additives to facilitate analysis etc.
10 (E) Dated 23.11.2005	GSR(awaited)	Exemption from the provisions of `best before date` for alcoholic beverages containing 10% or more by volume of alcohol.

B. Draft Notification:

Sl No	Notification	Subject
	2004	
1 dated 23.08.2004	GSR 538 (E)	Amendment to the standards of baby food to align with Infant Milk Substitute Act, 1992.
2 dated 23.08.2004	GSR 536 (E)	Exemption from the provisions of `best before date` for alcoholic beverages containing 10% or more by volume of alcohol.
	2005	
1 dated 20.01.2005	GSR 33 (E)	Harmonization of Standard of Spices with International Standards.
2 dated 20.01.2005	GSR 34 (E)	Use of certain Food Additives as per Codex and International Numbering of each Food Additives to facilitate analysis etc.
3	GSR 37 (E)	Harmonization of Standard of Infant foods

	dated 20.01.2005		with Codex Standards.
4	GSR 176 (E) dated 16.03.2005		Procedure for sampling from bulk container/ packaged food item.
5	GSR 276 (E) dated 06.05.2005		Increase in sample quantity for packaged drinking water and mineral water from 3000 ml to 4000 ml for complete analysis including heavy metals , pesticide residues etc.
6	GSR 277 (E) dated 06.05.2005		Harmonization of standards of tea with International Standards.
7	GSR 314 (E) dated 16.05.2005		Harmonization of Standards of Olive Oil, high oleic safflower, sunflower oil with Codex and packaging of blended oils in bigger container.
8	GSR 340 (E) dated 27.05.2005		In view of Supreme Court Judgment to struck down the power of the Food (Health) Authority for banning sale of common salt in their States under Section7iv) of the PFA Act, 1954 , it is proposed to amend PFA Rules to put Restriction on sale of edible common salt and compulsory iodination of common salt for direct human consumption.
9	GSR 520 (E) dated 04.08.2005		Amendment to the standard of packaged drinking water to include sea water as source of water for manufacture of packaged drinking water.
10	GSR 526 (E) dated 08.08.2005		Food Additives regarding labelling for oligofructose (dietary-fibre) on package Of biscuit, bread or cakes.